balance in the district (*i.e.* 15% of the district allocation of the previous year) from the amount of second instalment.

Benefits of Rural Development Schemes

1912. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of foolproof arrangements Government have made to ensure that the benefits of the rural development schemes reach the targeted persons in Andhra Pradesh and rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): The Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the programmes, including utilisation of funds, through mechanisms such as regular visits to the field by Officers of the Ministry of Rural Development, meetings of the Performance Review Committee, Periodic Progress Reports from State Governments, Concurrent and Quick Evaluation of Programmes etc. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees, with greater role for Members of Parliament, have also been reconstituted at State and District levels, to make them vital instruments of effective monitoring of the implementation of the programmes of the Ministry, so that the benefits of the Rural Development Schemes reach the targeted persons in all the States, including Andhra Pradesh.

Offer from Pakistani textile industry

1913. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a goodwill gesture, the Pakistani textile industry has offered Indian exporters a share in their unused quota for exporting garments to the European Union and the United States;

(b) if so, whether the arrangement is expected to benefit the Indian textile industry, which has a high level of demand for certain products categories but is unable to meet that demand due to quota restrictions;

(c) if so, whether any agreement in this regard was signed recently; and